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HOUSE BILL 3347 By
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SENATE BILL 3326
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapters 3 and 6, and Title 41, relative to the department of corrections, correctional institutions and inmates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 1, is amended by deleting Part 2 in its entirety and by substituting Sections 2 through 4 of this act as new part 2.

SECTION 2. The female unit of the state penitentiary shall be a separate institution apart from the administration of the main prison and shall remain a separate unit of the department of correction, but governed by the laws, not in conflict herewith, as were in force on July 1, 1965, governing the state penitentiary at Nashville, Brushy Mountain Penitentiary, Fort Pillow State Farm, and other penal institutions, reformatories, branches or facilities of the department.

SECTION 3. (a) The warden of the female penitentiary of the state of Tennessee shall be subject to appointment or discharge by the commissioner of correction, upon approval of the governor.

(b) The warden:

- (1) Shall, at the time of appointment, be not less than thirty (30) years of age;
- (2) Shall be qualified to be proficient in the management of a state penal institution;
- (3) Will hold a masters degree in a duly accredited approved university in business administration, education, and/or penology and correction;

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(4) Have a least three (3) years experience as a correctional officer; and

(5) Have such other qualifications which in the opinion of the commissioner would be equal to or greater than the qualifications above mentioned.

SECTION 4. (a) The warden of the female institution mentioned in Section 2 of this act shall be endowed with the same authority, powers and provisions of the law as are now enjoyed by the warden of the state penitentiary.

(b) The warden of the female institution mentioned in Section 2 of this act shall receive the same compensation as the warden of the state penitentiary.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.